

Kansas SIEC  
Regular Meeting  
August 10, 2016

Minutes

The Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee met in regular session at the KSNG Armory at 3617 S. Seneca in Wichita, Kansas.

**Members present.** Edwin Geer, Col. Chris Stratmann, Jay Coverdale, Stanley Adams, Robert McLemore, Cole Presley, Phil Wittmer, Mark Dodd, Kerry McCue, John Stradal, Ellen Wernicke, Michelle Abbott and Dick Heitschmidt.

**Others present.** Jason Bryant, Craig Divoll, Derek Voorhis, JL Ellis, (KOEK), James Lundsted (DHS/OEC).

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by Robert McLemore, Chairperson, at 10:00.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the June 15, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion by Cole Presley to accept as printed, second by Dick Heitschmidt, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed. Chairperson Robert McLemore declared motion passed, minutes accepted as printed.

**Discussion/Action Items.**

**DHS T/A update and White Sands brief**

James Lundsted gave an OEC update and detailed current OEC Technical Assistance requests. A COMMEK train the trainer is scheduled for November 3-4, 2016 with KC MARC hosting at the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District Training Center at 4715 W US 40 Highway, Blue Springs, MO. Kansas is hosting an AUXCOMM training on August 13 and 14, 2016 in Topeka at the Eisenhower Center. Jason Bryant reported the class is full with a substantial waiting list.

James Lundsted also gave a briefing over the White Sands communications exercise held recently detailing communications security and jamming. James will share what information he can with the SIEC members as some documents are classified.

**Action Items from SCIP**

Jason Bryant reviewed many SCIP action items as follows:

2.1 – Identify and invite subject matter experts (SME) from the SIEC and greater stakeholder community. This is an ongoing effort.

2.2 - Provide NPSBN status updates, project recommendations, timeline, and information to the SIEC. This is an ongoing effort.

6.1 - Establish a public safety communications systems cybersecurity working group. The working group was discussed and Mark Dodd moved that the working group would be made up of representatives of the Adjutant General, CITO, KDOT and KS MARC. Col. Stratmann will make the needed contacts to organize the working group. The motion was seconded by Ed Geer. With no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed. Chairperson Robert McLemore declared motion passed.

### **Action Items from SCIP continued**

8.1 - Assess network and physical security for KSICS. The completion date for this item will be moved to December, 2016.

8.2 - Identify potential resources to conduct assessment. The completion date for this item will be moved to March, 2017.

9.1 - Review training curriculum and delivery. The training curriculum will be reviewed annually by the SWIC and reported to the SIEC.

9.2 - Implement web-based training aids. An update for web-based training will be delivered at the next SIEC meeting.

10.1 - Coordinate with KDEM exercise section to develop exercise opportunities. This is an ongoing effort with the first AUXCOMM class to be delivered on 8-13-16.

10.2 - Identify opportunities for COMU training. This is an ongoing effort. Examples are the current AUXCOMM class, the COMMEX train-the-trainer and a Communications drill train-the-trainer with Missouri in October.

10.3 - Update SIEC on opportunities for proactive ESF 2 involvement. This is an ongoing effort.

11.1 - Create a coordinated message regarding NPSBN, NG911, and LMR. Completion date moved to December, 2016. Ed Geer moved to create a group to develop the message working with the 911 Coordinating Council. Kerry McCue seconded the motion. Discussion identified the group as Stanley Adams, Cole Pressley, Ellen Wernicke and Ed Geer. With no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed. Chairperson Robert McLemore declared motion passed.

### **KSICS Training Update**

JL Ellis gave a brief update of recent training activities. Questions answered included the current training on Motobridge and KSICS. JL also detailed the upcoming Communication Drill exercise in St. Joe, Missouri to be held on October 10-12. The upcoming COMMEX train-the-trainer will be held in Blue Springs, Missouri on November 3-4.

### **KSICS RFP Update**

Ed Geer updated the group on the current activities for the KSCIS study. Mission Critical Partners, Inc. has held meetings many user groups and individuals. KDOT has supplied all pertinent system data for review. Site visits at several towers have been made. The report is due to be delivered to management by December, 2016.

### **Broadband Update**

Phil Wittmer shared details of a meeting with the Wichita Metro area concerning system security and a possible private cloud offering by the state. It is his opinion that cyber-security should be centralized and non-optional for state agencies. Funding must be increased. Phil also detailed the ongoing effort to gather information to assist the opt-in/opt-out decision for FirstNet. A Post Legislative Audit has been requested and granted to study possible impacts of each decision. The audit will occur next January. Information from Colorado and other states will be reviewed. A question was asked if the SIEC could also review the information from the Colorado study. A group of Mark Dodd, Robert McLemore, Ed Geer and Cole Pressley was identified to look over the Colorado study and report back to the SIEC. Jason Bryant updated the members on an environmental impact study for PSBN.

Craig Divoll updated members on the ongoing outreach activities. Recommendations for the State plan for broadband are being developed for approval by the SIEC to be given to the SPOC to support the opt-in decision. This is in conjunction with the Post Legislative Audit review of options. Jason Bryant will send the key functional advantages to SIEC members for review and input. Detailed information is being

sought from agencies and users on specific items, equipment or policy that could make a difference or would have made a difference for actual incident response.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be scheduled in conjunction with the APCO Fall meeting on October 17, 2016 at 1pm at the Wichita Hyatt. Exact room to be determined.

**Adjourn.** With no further business before the committee, Mark Dodd moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 13:56.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



Robert McLemore, Chairperson

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Cole Presley, Vice Chairperson